

PATENT

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1725**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s):	Burford et al.		
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Official Action dated July 25, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.